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1. In April 1955 VEB Kabelwerk Meissen received an order from the East German Ministry of the Interior for the development of signal drums (Nachrichtentrommeln) to be used for the winding of light and heavy cables (Feldkabel). The drums are to be constructed in such a way that they can be carried on a person's back. In April 1955, production of an experimental series of such drums was begun in Plant No. 2 of VEB Kabelwerk Meissen.¹
2. The Ministry of the Interior informed the management of the enterprise that an order for the production of a large number of drums would be issued if the results of the experimental production were satisfactory.

1. Comment: The main plant of the enterprise is on Niederauerstrasse in Meissen. Plant No. 2 is located on Leipziger Strasse. Erich Elsner (SED) was manager of the enterprise until 30 April 1955. The present manager is Rudolf Brauer.

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